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LETTER DATED 29 MARCH 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued over the period 11 to 20 March 1995.

11 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 135 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 11 March 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1137 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1330 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1423 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1545 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1550 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1647 hours.

12 March 1995

Southern region: 148 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Shu'aybah and Qurnah.

On 12 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1115 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1245 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1525 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1615 hours.

13 March 1995

Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

14 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 14 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1045 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1342 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1515 hours.

15 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 4 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Mosul and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Khidr, Chabaish, Qurnah and Busayyah.

At 1520, 1607 and 1816 hours on 15 March 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over Nasiriyah and Qal'at Salih.

16 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

17 March 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Basra.

On 17 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1100 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1140 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1355 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1517 hours.

18 March 1994

Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area south of Najaf and the area south of Diwaniyah.

On 18 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1100 and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1245 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1415 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1615 hours.

19 March 1995

Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah and Artawi.

On 19 March 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1055 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1335 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1510 hours.

20 March 1995

Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1350 hours on 20 March 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1456 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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